

## **North Carolina Conceal Carry Firearms Instructor Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What are the requirements for becoming a Conceal Carry Firearms Instructor in North Carolina?**

North Carolina General Statute 14-415.12 (a) (4) designates the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission as the agency responsible for the certification of instructors. In order to ensure a minimum level of knowledge and proficiency for prospective conceal carry applicants to lawfully carry a concealed firearm, the Commission adopted North Carolina Administrative Code Title 12: 09F .0104 to establish the standards for instructor qualification. The code can be accessed at: [Instructor Qualifications](#).

#### **12 NCAC 09F .0104 INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS**

- a) Instructors shall meet the following qualifications for approval to deliver the "Concealed Carry Handgun Training" course:
  - (1) the instructor shall hold one of the following certifications:
    - (a) "Specific Instructor Certification-Firearms" issued by the Commission;
    - (b) Private Protective Services Firearms Trainer Certification; or
    - (c) "Firearms Instructor Certification" in Personal Protection, Basic Pistol, or Police Firearms issued by the National Rifle Association;
  - (2) the instructor shall hold a certificate issued by the North Carolina Justice Academy showing successful completion of the course on "Laws Governing Concealed Handgun and Use of Deadly Force;"
  - (3) the instructor shall be eligible to receive or possess a firearm under Federal and North Carolina State Law; and
- b) The instructor shall notify the Criminal Justice Standards Division of all court orders, domestic violence orders of protection, and criminal offenses for which the instructor is charged which would prohibit the instructor from being eligible to receive or possess a firearm under Federal and North Carolina State Law. The notifications required under this Paragraph must be in writing, must specify the nature of the offense, the court in which the case is being handled, the date of arrest, court order, domestic violence order of protection or criminal charge. The notification required under this Paragraph must be received by the Criminal Justice Standards Division within 10 days of the date of the court order, domestic violence order of protection, arrest or criminal charge.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 14-415.12; Temporary Adoption Eff. November 1, 1995; Eff. May 1, 1996; Amended Eff. September 1, 2005; May 1, 2004.*

### **2. How do I become a Conceal Carry Instructor?**

The requirements to become a Conceal Carry Instructor are:

You need to either be certified by the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission as a Specialized Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor; or certified by the NC Private Protective Services

Board as Firearms Trainer, or be a certified Firearms Instructor with the National Rifle Association (NRA) in Personal Protection, Basic Pistol, or Police Firearms.

**AND**

You must successfully complete the North Carolina Justice Academy's course on "Laws Governing Concealed Handgun and the Use of Deadly Force." This is a five hour course that is delivered at the North Carolina Justice Academy campus in Salemburg, NC. The Academy currently plans to offer the course at the West Campus in Edneyville, NC in the near future.

Applications and fees are then submitted to the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission for your certification.

*3. Who are the points of contact for specific information on becoming an Instructor?*

NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards:

Edward Zapolsky Telephone: 919-661-5980 CCH Program Administrator

Email: [ezapolsky@ncdoj.gov](mailto:ezapolsky@ncdoj.gov)

NC Criminal Justice Training and Standards Division

P.O. Drawer 149, Raleigh, NC 27602, Telephone: 919-661-5980

*4. When and where does the NRA offer their instructor courses?*

For complete information on NRA courses, please contact them direct at 1-800-672-3888 or visit their training calendar at:

<http://www.nrainstructors.org/searchcourse.aspx>

*5. When and where does the NC Justice Academy offer the "Laws Governing Concealed Carry and the Use of Deadly Force Course?"*

Currently, the NC Justice Academy offers the "Laws Governing Concealed Carry and the Use of Deadly Force Course" 3-4 times annually. Courses are listed in our course calendar. The class typically runs from 1-6pm.

The course costs are \$75.00. The fees include registration, two student notebooks, and a DVD or Video.

The course is currently held at both the East Campus in Salemburg, NC and the West Campus in Edneyville, NC.

Send in an [Application](#) to the Salemburg Registrar for Laws Governing Concealed Carry Handguns Course #2078. Student letters are mailed out about 30 days before the course dates to students with a status of registered.

Alternates are called to fill the class, if we receive cancellations, if you do not get in then you must reapply for future dates. Course dates are listed in the training calendar.

*6. Once I have met all of the requirements, where/how do I get my instructor certification?*

Once all the requirements have been met, you must submit the application and fees to the NC Criminal Justice Training and Standards Division for your certification.

You can access the application at:

<http://www.ncdoj.gov/About-DOJ/Law-Enforcement-Training-and-Standards/Criminal-Justice-Education-and-Training-Standards/Forms-and-Publications.aspx>

7. *Where can I get copies of the NC “Model Course” Training Manual for Conceal Carry?*

The Model Course notebook titled “Conceal Carry Handgun Training” and the “Laws Governing Concealed Carry” notebooks can be purchased at the Bookstore of The North Carolina Justice Academy.

You can contact the Academy’s Bookstore at 910-525-4151 or visit the web at:

<http://ncja.ncdoj.gov/NCJABookstore.aspx>.

8. *Where can I obtain more information about North Carolina Firearms Laws?*

For more information regarding NC Firearms Laws, visit the web at:

[North Carolina Firearms Publication – Effective October 2013](#) or  
[NC Department of Justice](#) or  
[NCJA Firearms](#)